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Crop Report for the period April 28 to May 4, 2009

Saskatchewan farmers have seeded four per cent of the 2009 crop, up from one per cent last week, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly crop report.

The five year (2004-2008) average is six per cent of the total crop planted at this time. The southern and southwestern regions of the province have eight and 10 per cent of the crop in the ground, respectively. Two per cent is planted in the west-central region, and the rest of the province reports close to one per cent of the crop is in the ground.

When broken down on a crop-by-crop basis, 16 per cent of field peas, 11 per cent of lentils, five per of mustard, nine percent of triticale and six per cent of durum have been seeded in the province.

Provincially, topsoil moisture conditions are reported as 73 per cent adequate on crop land and 70 per cent adequate on hay and pasture land. However, areas short of topsoil moisture are expanding in the west-central, southwestern, northwestern and northern regions.

The snow that fell in the south between April 19 and 26 melted quickly and did little to further delay field operations.

1 Year Ago
Four per cent of the 2008 crop had been seeded. Topsoil moisture conditions were 70 per cent adequate across the province.

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation Report

To be insurable, all classes of chickpeas must be seeded by May 21. This is in agreement with the crop's terms and conditions, outlined in *Your Complete Guide to Understanding Crop Insurance* and online at www.saskcropinsurance.com.

All producers should speak to their customer service office to determine seeding deadlines for their specific crop and area.

Producers must also provide all production contract information for the Contract Price Option to Saskatchewan Crop Insurance by May 31. For 2009, Khorasan wheat contract information must also be submitted by this date.

For more information, contact your local customer service office, call 1-888-935-0000 or visit www.saskcropinsurance.com.

Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 4/09
1A	2
1B	1
2A	0
2B	1
3ASE	N/A
3ASW	3
3AN	2
3BS	9
3BN	26
4A	8
4B	30
5A	1
5B	0
6A	1
6B	1
7A	2
7B	1
8A	1
8B	0
9AE	N/A
9AW	1
9B	1
Prov.	**4**

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

Seeding has started, with one per cent of the crop in the ground. Canola, field peas, durum and wheat are being seeded. There was an average of 22mm of rain during the past week. Temperatures were still cool, but slowly warming, and things are greening up. Farmers are getting prepared for seeding, taking cattle to pasture, and applying fertilizer and weed control products.

Seeding Progress in SK **Per cent seeded**	
	All Crops
May 4/09	4
5 year avg. (2004-2008)	6
May 4/08	4
May 6/07	10
May 7/06	9
May 1/05	3
May 2/04	6

There are reports of some winterkill/springkill (approximately five per cent) on fall-seeded crops, although the extent is difficult to assess at this time due to the cool and slow spring.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are 26 per cent surplus and 72 per cent adequate. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture conditions are 90 per cent adequate.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Seeding is off to a good start in the area, with an average of 10 per cent of the crop seeded. Crop districts 3BN and 4B have 26 and 30 per cent of the crop seeded, respectively. Peas, canola, lentils, canaryseed, mustard and cereals are being seeded. Twenty-seven per cent of the peas and 15 per cent of the lentils and mustard are seeded.

Cool and windy conditions, with snow in some areas, were reported. An average of 11mm of precipitation was recorded. The area around Big Beaver received 40mm, while CD 3BS and 4B received no precipitation last week. Moisture would be welcome to get the crop off to a good start. Grass is greening and trees are budding.

It is too early to assess winterkill/springkill on fall-seeded crops. There are some reports of grasshopper damage on fall-seeded crops that occurred last fall.

Topsoil moisture conditions for cropland are 66 per cent adequate and 32 per cent short. Pasture and hay land topsoil moisture conditions are 66 per cent adequate and 27 per cent short. The amount of land that is short of topsoil moisture has increased from the previous crop report.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

Farmers have just started seeding, with one per cent of the crop in the ground. Four per cent of peas, two per cent of lentils and one per cent of canola and wheat have been seeded. Farmers were also busy with rock picking, pre-seeding weed control and fertilizer applications, as well as taking cattle to pasture.

An average of 5mm of rain fell in the area last week. The Ituna area received 20mm.

The east-central district experienced cool conditions at the beginning of the week, with temperatures warming up later on.

Topsoil moisture conditions for cropland are 91 per cent adequate. Hay and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are 84 per cent adequate and 14 per cent short.

It is difficult to asses winterkill/springkill of fall-seeded crops at this point, due to the slow and cool spring.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Farmers have just nicely started in the fields, with an average of two per cent of the crop seeded. Nine per cent of field peas and four per cent of lentils have been seeded. Cereal crops are beginning to go into the ground as well. Some areas have up to 30 per cent of peas and lentils seeded.

West-central Saskatchewan has had cool, dry and windy weather during the past week. There were no reports of rain in the CD.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions for the area are 52 per cent adequate, 40 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Hay and pasture land is sitting at 30 per cent adequate, 55 per cent short and 15 per cent very short. Rain is needed.

Farmers are busy seeding, preparing for seeding, applying fertilizer, picking rocks and controlling weeds.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Four per cent of field peas, two per cent of lentils and two per cent of wheat have been seeded. The past week was cool and windy. Rain would be welcome in most areas. There were very few reports of precipitation in this CD.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are 87 per cent adequate and 11 per cent short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture conditions are 80 per cent adequate and 19 per cent short.

Farmers are busy seeding, harrowing and applying fertilizer.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

Seeding has just nicely begun, with an average of one per cent of the crop in the ground. Five per cent of field peas, one per cent of canola and one per cent of spring wheat have been seeded. Cool, windy conditions were experienced at the beginning of the week, but temperatures had started to climb by the week's end. There were no reports of rain during the past week. This area is in need of moisture.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are currently 68 per cent adequate and 31 per cent short. The hay and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are 69 per cent adequate and 25 per cent short.

Farmers are busy seeding, preparing for seeding, picking rocks and taking cattle to pasture.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 4, 2009

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	N/A
	2	Mt.Pleasant	29	29
	3	Enniskillen	30	31
	33 A	Moose Cr.	N/A	3
	33 B	Moose Cr.	29	39
	34	Browning	24	24
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A
	64	Brock	16	24
	65	Tecumesh	15	20
1B	91	Maryfield	29	36
	92	Walpole	26	33
	93	Wawken	26	29
	94	Hazelwood	34	40
	95	Golden West	23	23
	121	Moosomin	18	24
	122	Martin	18	24
	123	Silverwood	21	31
	124	Kingsley	25	31
	125	Chester	12	23
	151 B	Rocanville	17	27
	153	Willowdale	N/A	N/A
	154	Elcapo	N/A	N/A
	155	Wolseley	12	19
2A	36	Cymri	18	23
	66	Griffin	N/A	11
	67	Weyburn	30	43
	68	Brokenshell	24	49
	69	Norton	36	68
	96	Fillmore	20	41
	97	Wellington	11	33
	99	Caledonia	47	62
2B	126	Montmartre	20	37
	127	Francis	21	45
	129	Bratt's Lake	4	8
	131	Baildon	9	34
	156 A	Indian Head	21	42
	156 B	Indian Head	14	33
	157	South Qu'app.	N/A	12
	158	Edenwold	N/A	N/A
	160	Pense	N/A	25
	161	Moose Jaw	13	26
	191 A	Marquis	NIL	25
3ASE	9	Surprise Val.	N/A	N/A
	38 A	Laurier	29	59
	38 B	Laurier	21	48
	39 A	The Gap	42	62
	39 B	The Gap	41	60
3ASW	10	Happy Val.	40	59
	12	Poplar Val.	19	77
	40	Bengough	20	49
	42	Willow Bunch	32	65
	43 A	Old Post	28	32
	44	Waverley	16	40
	70	Key West	19	42
	71 A	Excel	30	50
	71 B	Excel	N/A	15
	71 C	Excel	N/A	N/A
	73 A	Stonehenge	31	59
	73 B	Stonehenge	28	70
	74	Wood River	18	43
3AN	101	Terrell	31	55
	102	Lake Johnston	11	31
	103	Sutton	26	52
	134	Shamrock	N/A	34
	164	Chaplin	1	19
	193	Eyebrow	NIL	28
	194	Enfield	2	35
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	10	90
	17 B	Val Marie	N/A	N/A
	45	Mankota	25	52
	75 A	Pinto Cr.	10	53
	75 B	Pinto Cr.	13	33
	76 A	Auvergne	5	16
	76 B	Auvergne	10	28
	77	Wise Cr.	10	65
	78 A	Grassy Cr.	5	42
	78 B	Grassy Cr.	1	33
	78 C	Grassy Cr.	N/A	23
	105	Glenbain	15	36
	106	Whiska Cr.	NIL	19
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	6
	108	Bone Cr.	4	37

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
3BN	138	Webb	NIL	9
	166	Excelsior	NIL	10
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	15
	168	Riverside	NIL	NIL
	225	Canaan	NIL	NIL
	226	Victory	N/A	6
	228 A	Lacadena	NIL	4
	228 B	Lacadena	NIL	TR
	255	Coteau	N/A	N/A
4A	49 A	White Val.	NIL	TR
	49 B	White Val.	N/A	N/A
	51	Reno	N/A	23
	79	Arlington	4	23
	109	Carmichael	NIL	9
	110	Piapot	7	22
	111 A	Maple Cr.	N/A	10
4B	139	Gull Lk.	NIL	7
	141	Big Stick	NIL	4
	142	Enterprise	N/A	1
	169	Pittville	NIL	1
	231	Happyland	NIL	NIL
	232	Deer Forks	NIL	2
5A	183	Fertile Belt	21	29
	184 A	Grayson	13	26
	184 B	Grayson	N/A	N/A
	185	Mcleod	9	27
	186	Abernethy	11	31
	211	Churchbridge	9	31
	213	Saltcoats	7	19
	216 A	Tullymet	20	38
	216 B	Tullymet	2	37
	241	Calder	10	10
	243	Wallace	6	21
	245 A	Garry	15	36
	245 B	Garry	14	33
	246	Ituna Bon Acc.	19	67
	247	Kellross	10	32
	248	Touchwood	N/A	N/A
5B	271	Cote	7	26
	273	Sliding Hills	6	14
	275	Insinger	N/A	42
	276	Foam Lk.	3	44
	277	Emerald	NIL	41
	304	Buchanan	6	40
	305	Ivermay	5	34
	307	Elfros	N/A	57
	308	Big Quill	N/A	N/A
	333	Clayton	N/A	N/A
	335	Hazel Dell	NIL	41
	336	Sasman	NIL	50
	337	Lakeview	1	47
	338	Lakeside	1	41
	366	Kelvington	1	54
	367 B	Ponass Lk.	N/A	N/A
6A	190 A	Dufferin	3	32
	190 B	Dufferin	3	40
	190 C	Dufferin	5	32
	190 D	Dufferin	2	37
	219 A	Longlaketon	3	50
	219 B	Longlaketon	12	42
	220	McKillop	6	40
	221	Sarnia	N/A	32
	222	Craik	N/A	47
	251	Big Arm	1	28
	252	Arm River	NIL	27
	279 A	Mount Hope	5	50
	279 B	Mt Hope	N/A	N/A
	280	Wreford	NIL	34
	282	Mccraney	NIL	10
	309	Prairie Rose	NIL	15
	312	Morris	NIL	16
	313	Lost River	N/A	9
	339	Leroy	1	38
	340 A	Wolverine	NIL	23
	341	Viscount	NIL	13
	343	Blucher	NIL	5
6B	283	Rosedale	NIL	9
	284	Rudy	TR	16
	285	Fertile Val.	NIL	TR
	286	Milden	NIL	5
	314	Dundurn	NIL	11
	344	Corman Pk.	NIL	1

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
	346	Perdue	NIL	2
	376 A	Eagle Cr.	N/A	N/A
	376 B	Eagle Cr.	NIL	15
	403	Rosthern	N/A	N/A
7A	259	Snipe Lk.	N/A	N/A
	287	St.Andrews	NIL	1
	288	Pleasant Val.	NIL	8
	292	Milton	N/A	6
	317 A	Marriott	NIL	NIL
	317 B	Marriott	NIL	1
	318 A	Mt. View	NIL	NIL
	318 B	Mt. View	NIL	TR
	320	Oakdale	NIL	TR
	321	Prairiedale	NIL	8
7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	12
	347 B	Biggar	NIL	NIL
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	8
	350 B	Mariposa	NIL	2
	351	Progress	NIL	4
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	8
	377	Glenside	NIL	13
	378 A	Rosemount	N/A	8
	378 B	Rosemount	NIL	6
	379	Reford	NIL	5
	380	Tramping Lk.	N/A	N/A
	382	Eye Hill	4	20
	409	Buffalo	NIL	11
	410	Round Val.	NIL	3
	411	Senlac	N/A	20
8A	395	Porcupine	NIL	92
	397	Barrier Val.	1	57
	428	Star City	TR	28
	456	Arborfield	NIL	64
	457	Connaught	2	2
	458	Willow Cr.	NIL	4
	486	Moose Range	NIL	14
	487	Nipawin	NIL	7
8B	369	St. Peter	NIL	10
	370	Humboldt	NIL	30
	371	Bayne	N/A	N/A
	372	Grant	NIL	5
	373	Aberdeen	N/A	N/A
	400	Three Lks.	N/A	N/A
	402	Fish Cr.	NIL	4
	429 A	Flett's Spr.	N/A	4
	429 B	Flett's Spr.	NIL	8
	431	St. Louis	NIL	4
	459	Kinistino	N/A	N/A
9AE	488	Torch River	NIL	NIL
	520	Paddockwood	N/A	N/A
9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	13
	435	Redberry	NIL	8
	436	Douglas	NIL	8
	463	Duck Lake	NIL	3
	464	Leask	NIL	10
	467	Round Hill	NIL	TR
	493	Shellbrook	NIL	5
	494	Canwood	NIL	4
	496	Spiritwood	NIL	13
	497	Medstead	N/A	10
	555	Big River	NIL	14
9B	438	Battle River	NIL	3
	440	Hillsdale	N/A	8
	442	Manitou Lake	NIL	6
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	5
	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	9
	499	Mervin	NIL	3
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	TR	1
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	8
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	NIL	5
	502	Britannia	NIL	6
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	14
	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	5
	588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	8
	588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	11
	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	18
	622	Beaver River	NIL	4

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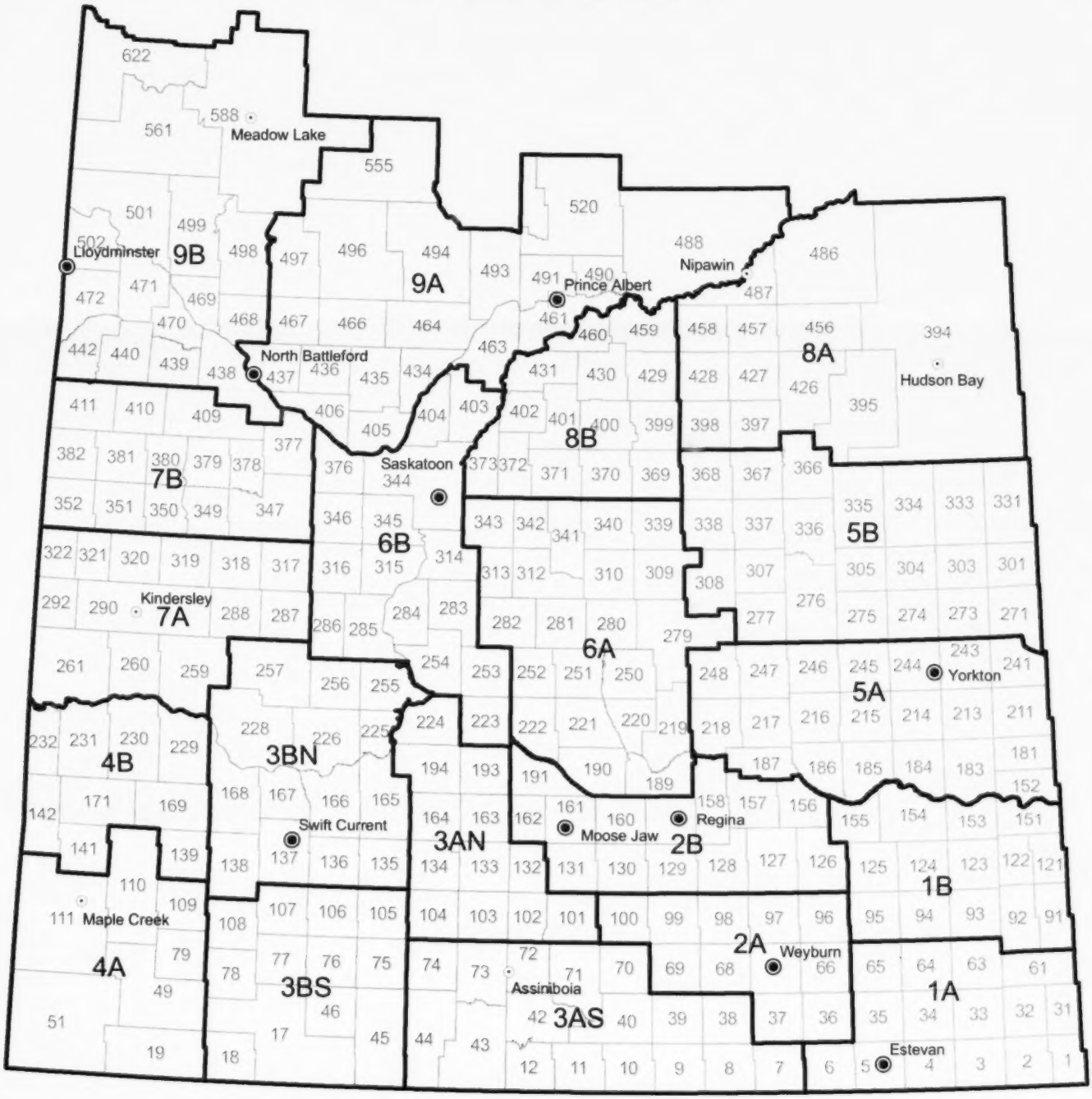
Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R. M.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



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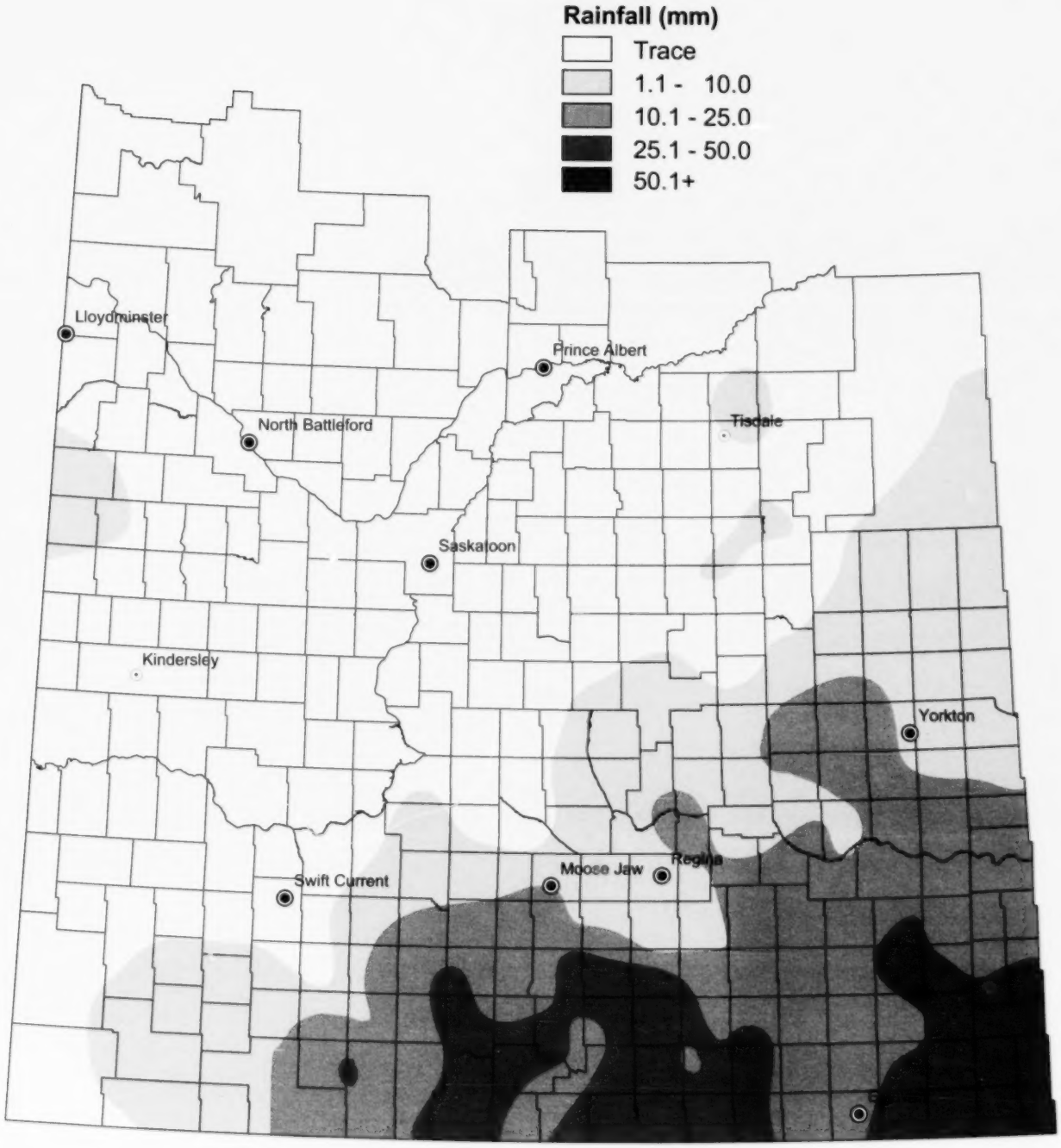

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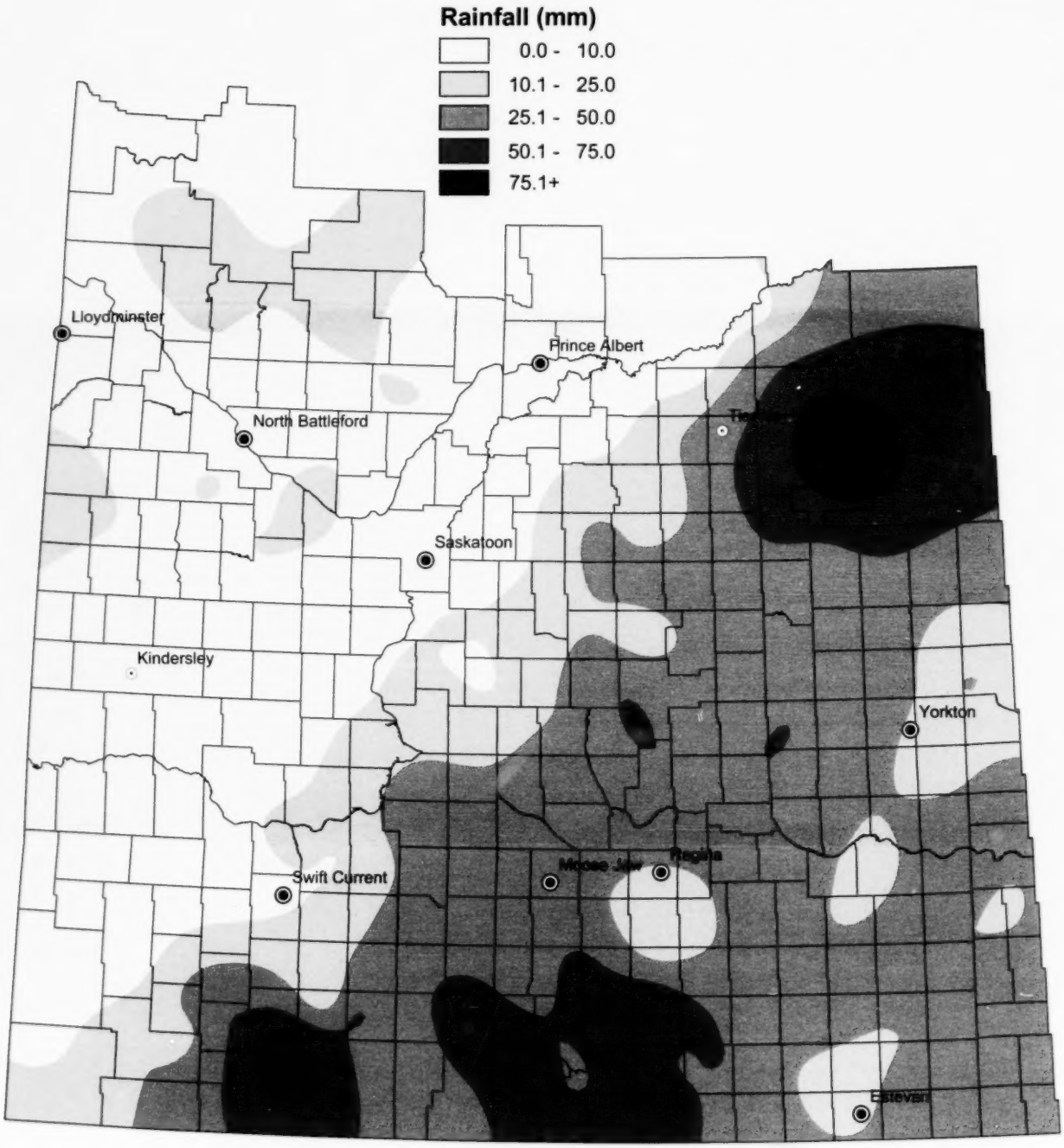

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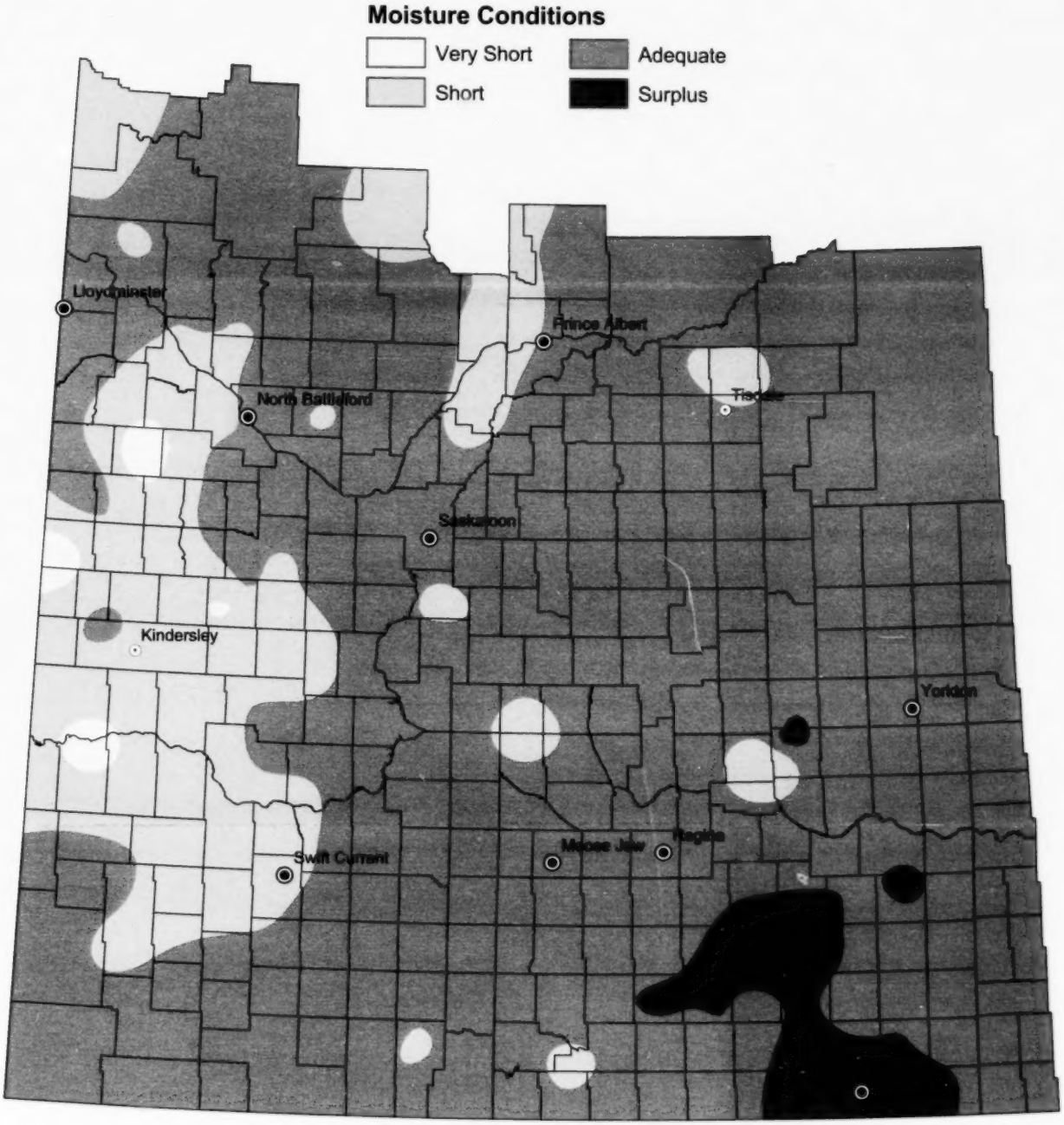

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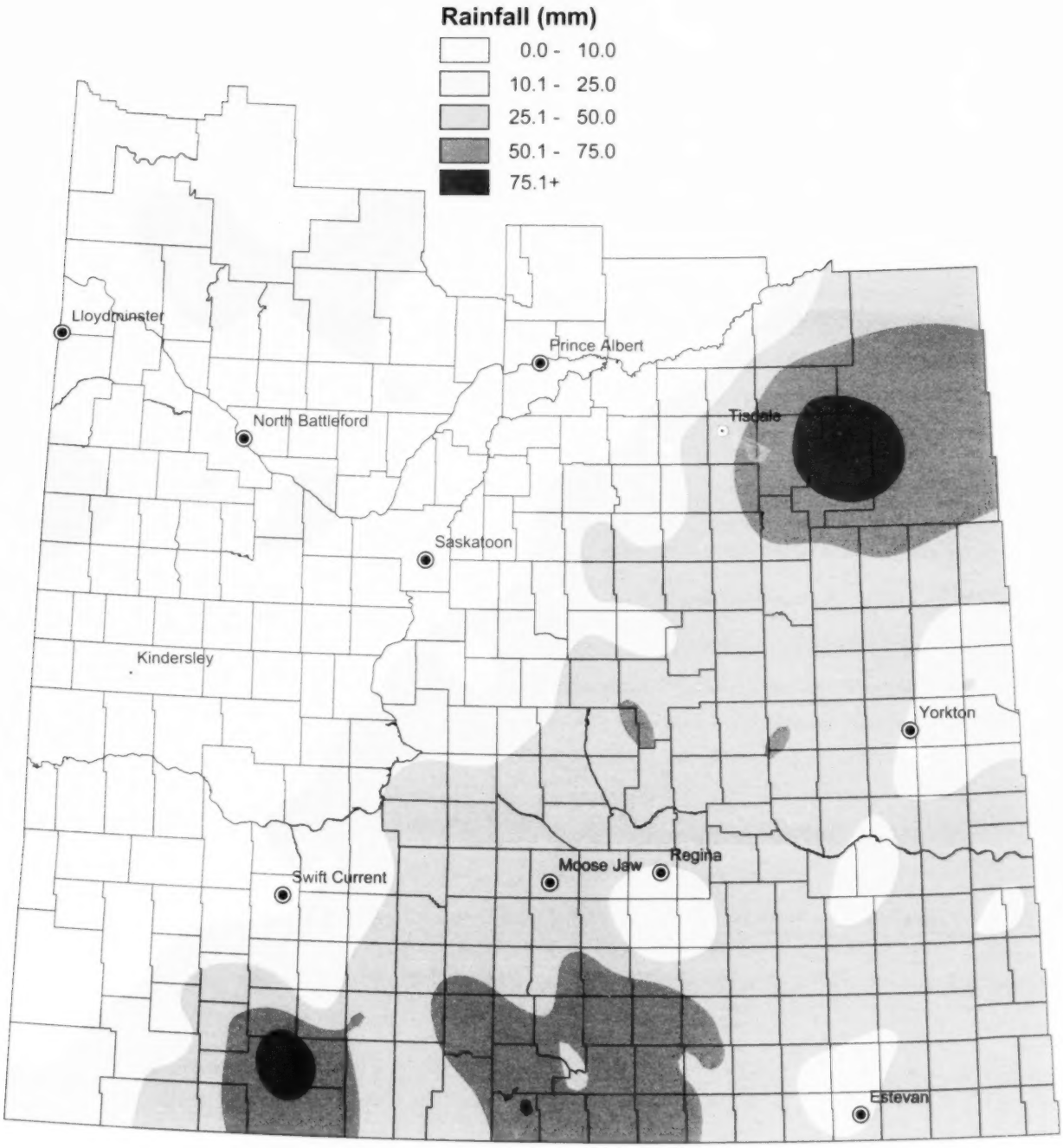

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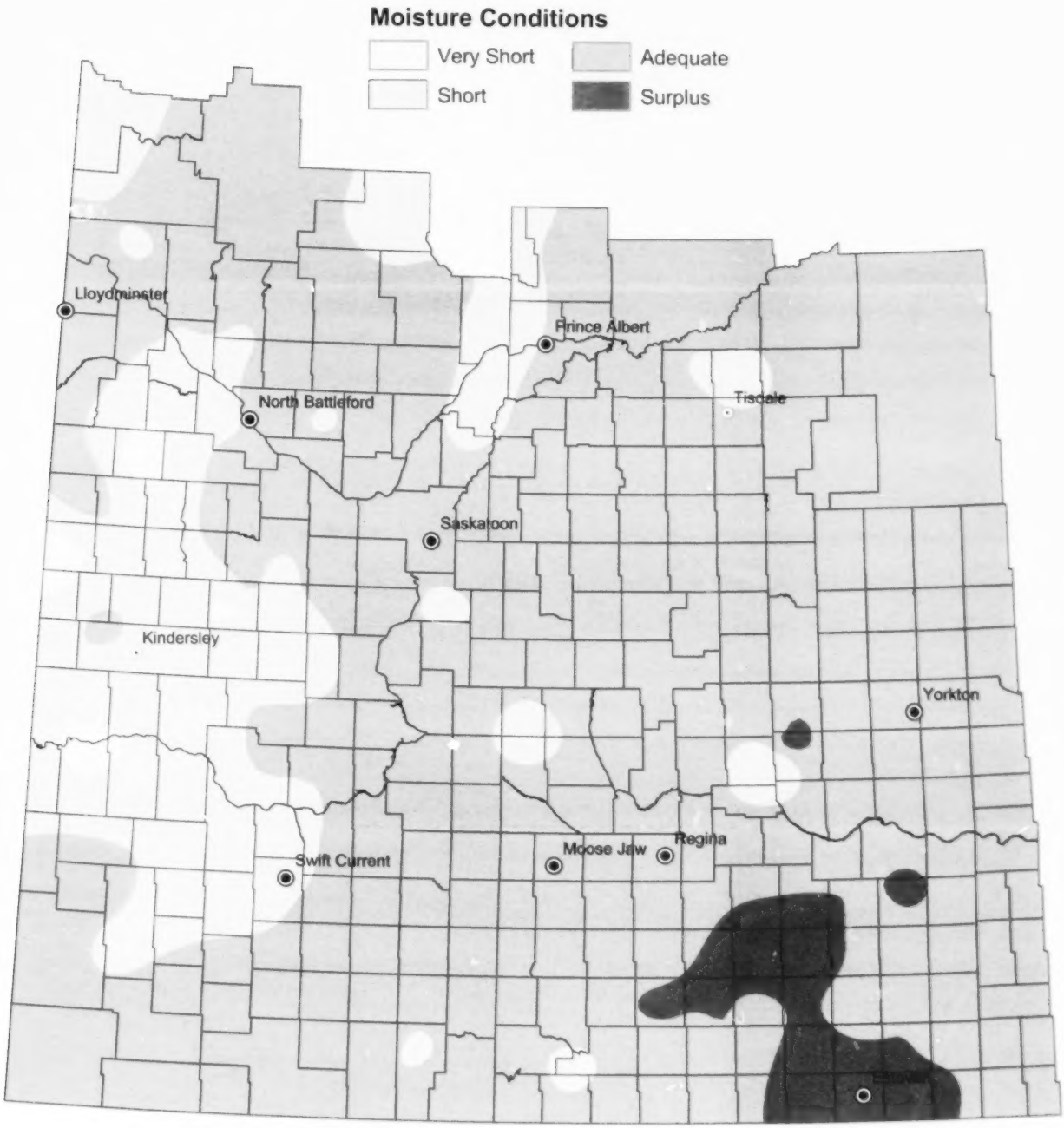

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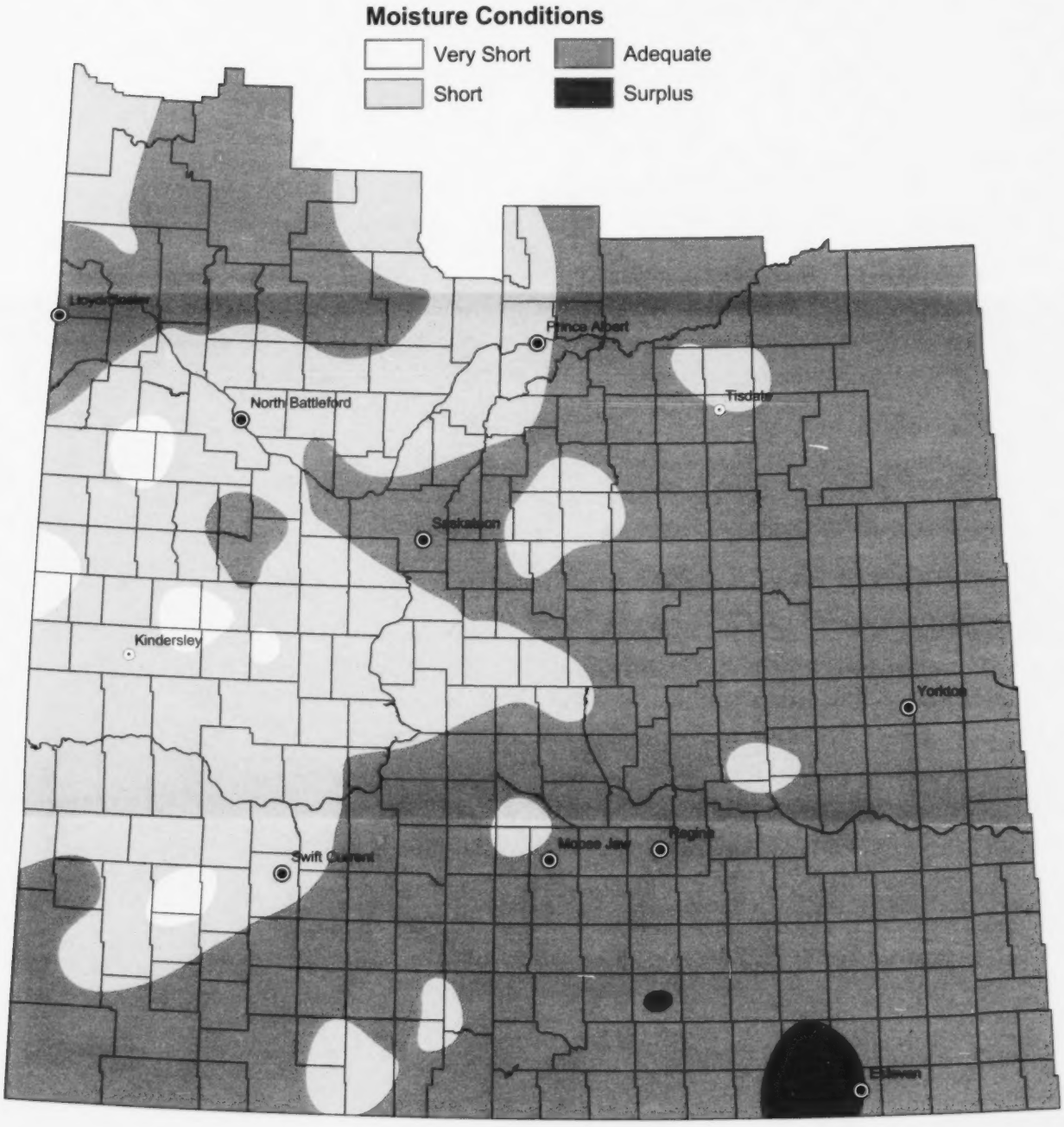

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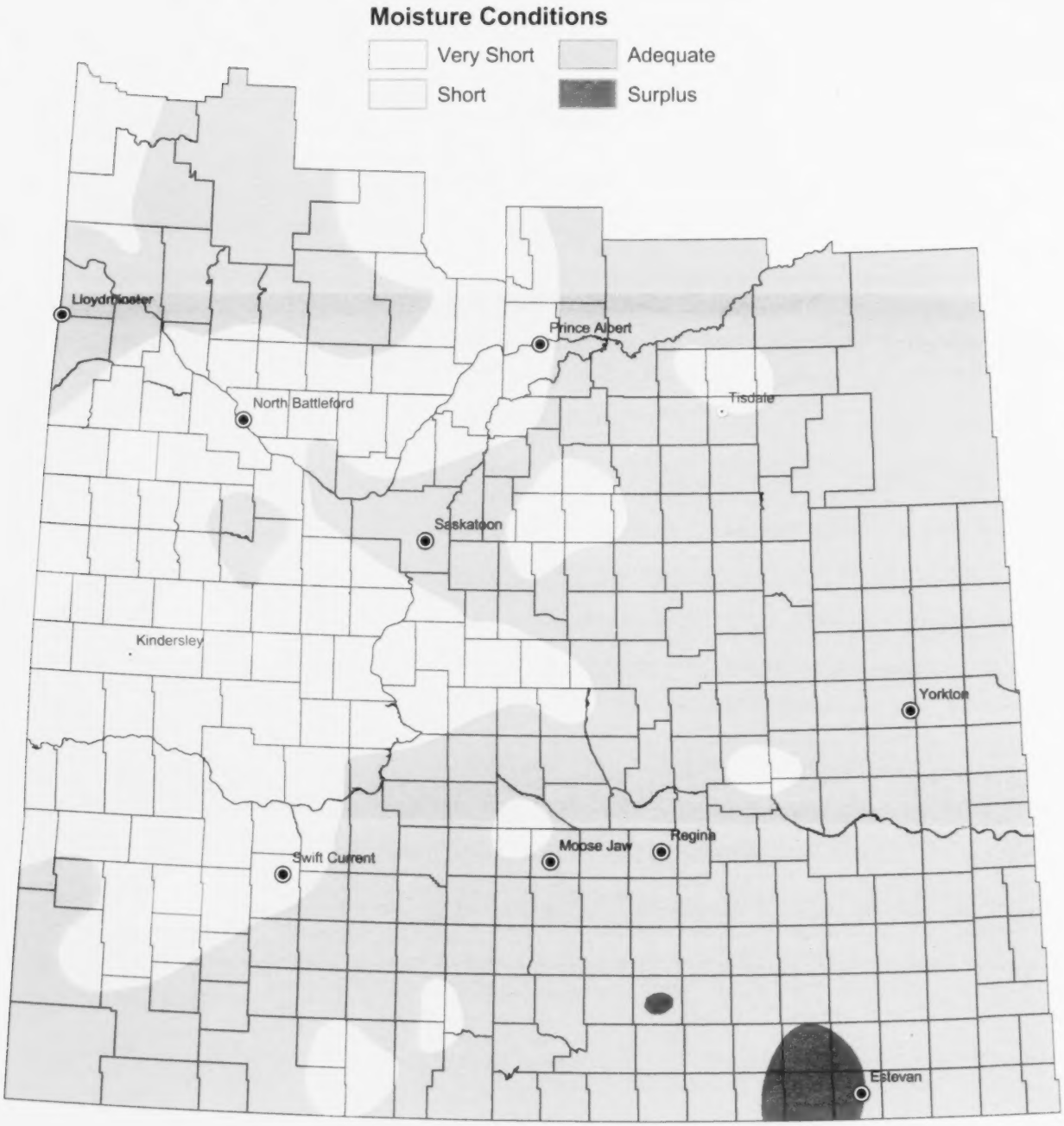

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